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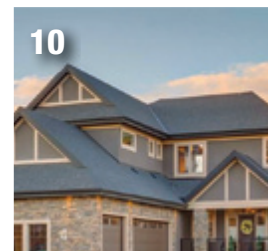
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Chloe	13	403-471-5899	Yes
Deeti	23	780-200-8083	No
Erica	13	587-349-2484	Yes
Farnaz	13	403-714-2075	Yes
Gabriella	17	403-208-1698	Yes
Julia	30	587-577-0825	No
Kalyn	15	403-473-7907	No
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The *Real Estate Act*, which RECA administers, defines property management as:

1. leasing, negotiating, approving or offering to lease, negotiate or approve a lease or rental of real estate;
2. collecting or offering or attempting to collect money payable for the use of real estate;
3. holding money received in connection with a lease or rental of real estate; and
4. advertising, negotiating or any other act, directly or indirectly for the purpose of furthering the activities described in items 1-3.

Licensed property managers can find suitable tenants, deal with nuisance tenants, draft lease agreements, and regularly inspect and maintain property on behalf of a property owner. It is up to property managers and the property owners to negotiate the specific tasks the property manager will provide, but ultimately, before providing property management services, the property manager needs a licence.

Property manager licensing provides vital protection for property owners. Individuals must complete comprehensive education before becoming licensed as a

property manager, they must also provide a Certified Criminal Record Check to RECA prior to receiving a licence, and there are ongoing education requirements.

If a property owner is working with a licensed property manager, they have the added protection of the Consumer Compensation Fund. The Fund compensates consumers who suffer a financial loss as a result of fraud, breach of trust, or a failure to disburse or account for money held in trust by an industry member in connection with a real estate trade, mortgage deal, or property management services.

If you work with an unlicensed property manager, and the property manager disappears and takes rental payments or damage deposits with them, your only recourse is through the courts.

As a property owner, you’re not required to hire someone to manage your rental or investment property, but if you do, take steps to protect yourself. Ensure that the company and individual you hire are licensed to provide property management services in Alberta. You can check if someone is licensed through RECA’s website at www.reca.ca.

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Happy March, everyone!

We hope you are having a great early spring. At Calgary Humane Society our dogs are enjoying the first few sprigs of green in our dog park (though our volunteers are less enthused about the early spring mud!). Spring also means that Easter is just around the corner and our school field trips have been asking some great questions about rabbits! Today, we wanted to share 5 of the best questions we've heard!

- 1. How much work is a rabbit?** Like all pets, rabbits take a lot of time and attention. Rabbits need regular feeding, cleaning, grooming, playtime, vet care and attention to be happy and healthy. Some people think that rabbits are OK to be left alone at home for a weekend, but this is not true, they need care every day.
- 2. How long can rabbits live?** Rabbits come in many breeds and different breeds have different lifespans (just like dogs!). An average rabbit lifespan is 8-12 years, but at the shelter we have met people with rabbits who are more than 16 years old!
- 3. What should rabbits eat?** Rabbits have a food pyramid just like people! Rabbits should have access to fresh hay all of the time. In addition to hay, rabbits at the shelter eat rabbit pellets every day and get vegetables as a treat from our awesome bunny huggers. Your rabbit's vet is the best person to tell you how much a rabbit should eat.
- 4. Do rabbits need to go to the vet?** Absolutely! Rabbits should have regular check-ups. To get your rabbit a check-up you will need to find an "exotics" veterinarian – they have special training about how to look after rabbits!
- 5. Are rabbits a good pet?** For some people rabbits are a great pet, but just like any animal they are not the best choice for everyone. If your family is looking for a pet our adoption counselors would love to help you find the perfect new friend!

A big thanks to all of the classrooms that have visited the shelter and asked us such good questions! If you or your family is interested in learning more about rabbits and other pets, we would love to meet you! We have just finished renovating our rabbit room at the shelter and our adorable bunnies cannot wait to show off their new home. You can visit any time during our opening hours which are available at www.calgaryhumane.ca.

Happy spring everyone!

BRAIN GAMES SUDOKU

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The Gray Partridge

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The Gray Partridge, also known as the Hungarian Partridge, was introduced into Alberta when 70 pairs were imported from Hungary and released in 1908 near Midnapore. The smallest of Alberta's game birds, the Hungarian Partridge has an average length of 12 in./32 cm, a wingspan of 21 in./54.5 cm wingspan, and a weight of 15.6 oz./435 grams. Its neck and tail are short, its body is stout and its wings are short and rounded. This bird lives up to its name with grey legs and a grey bill as well a dark u-shaped patch on its bel-

ly, a rusty face and chestnut bards on its flanks. This game bird is the only partridge whose breast is decorated with fine wavy lines (vermiculated) of black, white and brown. A reddish brown tail and unmarked, chestnut outer wing feathers can be seen in flight.

Fun Facts:

- Originally found in Europe and Asia, this game bird was brought to live on flat agricultural land in southern British Columbia, south central Saskatchewan and Alberta.
- The Gray Partridge lives in grassland and parkland regions of Alberta but there is also a separated population in the Peace River area.
- Its habitat is open grassland, farmland and grain fields, which have an adjacent area of woody cover for hiding in. It prefers to live on the border between scrubland and areas of cultivation.
- Although this bird can fly, it prefers to spend most of its time on the ground foraging for seeds.
- The Hungarian Partridge is a ground nesting bird, creating a grass lined nest hollow in long grass or under a bush.
- The hen produces some of the largest clutches of any bird species, averaging 16-18 and can lay up to 22 eggs at one time!
- Prior to courting, males engage in prolonged battles to establish breeding territories.
- When it is flushed, it explodes from cover with a clatter of wings and rapid cackle, taking a low and fast flight path to new cover.

If you find an injured or orphaned Gray Partridge or other wild bird or animal, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society at 403-239-2488 for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at www.calgary-wildlife.org for more information.

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The Indoor Gardener

by Cindy DeJager

Fancy Ferns

I love, love, love ferns!

Ferns thrive in medium filtered light to low light and require humidity, but with a little bit of effort you can successfully nurture these beautiful plants. A few important tips to get you started: pot your fern in a plastic container rather than clay because the plastic will retain moisture. Choose a peat moss laden soil mixture with lots of organic matter in it. Choose north facing light for your fern.

Here are some ferns that can be found in most garden centres:

Crocodile Fern

Microsorium musifolium 'Crocodyllus'
 Medium to bright light and high humidity
 May grow 4 feet tall and wide.

Lemon Button Fern

Nephrolepis cordifolia 'Lemon Button'
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 May grow 3 feet tall and 4 feet wide.

Maidenhair Fern

Adiantum raddianum 'Fritz Luth'
 Medium to bright light and high humidity
 May grow 2 feet tall and wide.

Rabbit's Foot

Humata tyermanii

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 May grow 2 feet tall and wide.

Staghorn Fern

FYI: Staghorns don't need to be grown in soil so you often see them mounted and grown on walls or posts.
Platycerium bifurcatum
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Asplenium nidus
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 Medium to bright light and high humidity
 May grow 2 feet tall and wide.

Boston Fern

Most common indoor fern.
Nephrolepis exaltata 'Fluffy Ruffles'
 Medium to bright light and high humidity
 May grow 7 feet tall and wide (but usually 2-3 feet tall and wide indoors).

"If one cannot enjoy
 reading a book over
 and over again,
 there is no use
 in reading it at all."

- Oscar Wilde



EVERY WEEKEND UNTIL EASTER, THE GREAT LEGENDARY EASTER EGG HUNT – BUTTERFIELD ACRES

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APRIL 8-9, 2017 KITTIES 'N BLOOMS CAT SHOW – SHOULDICE ARENA

The 2017 Kitties 'N Blooms annual cat show will be presented by the Calgary Cat Association again this year. From rex to Persian there are cats of every fancy at this show. Judges from around the continent show off the entrants and award ribbons for various categories. Vendors will also be in attendance to sell various cat paraphernalia. More info: www.calgarycatshow.com



APRIL 23, CALGARY JAZZ ORCHESTRA PRESENTS THE MUSIC OF BENNY GOODMAN & SUITE JUBILATION CD RELEASE – RIVER PARK CHURCH

The Calgary Jazz Orchestra, Johnny Summers, and the NWSC are back to bring you Suite Jubilation; a remarkable 11-movement suite composed for full jazz orchestra and choir by Johnny Summers. This popular Canadian composition sparked a recording project to share this music with everyone. Adults \$30 door/\$25 advance, Students \$20 door/\$15 advance. More info: www.calgaryjazzorchestra.com



YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

❖April 1, MAKEFASHION 5.0 - Telus Spark Science Centre

MakeFashion is a world renowned fashion-tech show featuring designs debuted by international wearable technology designers from across the globe. From animated ties that display the wearer's favourite patterns, to dresses that read brainwaves and playback dreams, MakeFashion designers are inspired by fashion with high-tech functionality. More info: www.sparkscience.ca

❖April 7-9, Make it! The Handmade Revolution (craft show)

– **Big Four Building.** Since 2008, Make It has grown to become one of the most popular and well-attended craft fairs in Canada. Each year, more and more conscious shoppers buy from our "Makies," which in turn allows them to do the work they love. The event will feature over 175 "Makies," food trucks, a charitable silent auction, live music and a beer gardens. More info: www.makeitshow.ca

❖April 17-23, Calgary Underground Film Festival – various venues.

Founded in 2003, CUFF is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to programming films that defy convention. Actively looking to showcase titles in all genres, from horror, sci-fi and fantasy to comedies, thrillers and music-related films; you never know what you will encounter at CUFF and that's half the fun. More info: www.calgaryundergroundfilm.org

❖April 18-May 7, Calgary Performing Arts Festival (formerly Kiwanis Festival) – Mount Royal University

In 1931, a small group of eager musicians decided to take their love of music to the next level by creating the Calgary Music Festival and today, as CPAF, it is one of the largest amateur competitive festivals in North America. Featuring piano, string, vocal, musical theatre and much more, this festival has a gem for everyone. More info: www.cpaFestival.ca

❖April 20, LOVE HER presented by Ovarian Cancer Canada – Hotel Arts.

LOVE HER is back, bigger than ever and celebrating with an evening of fashion, comedy, cocktails, music and exciting live and silent auctions. Founded in 1997, Ovarian Cancer Canada supports women and their families living with the disease by raising awareness among the general public and health care professionals. More info: www.ovariancanada.org

❖April 21-22, The 2017 Dairy Classic Championship Show – Stampede Grounds

This dairy cattle show is held in the Agriculture Barns and is offering the Youth Judging Clinic in addition to the breed shows once again this year; the Jersey Show on Friday, April 21, 2017 and the Holstein Show on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Admission for all of the events is complimentary. More info: www.ag.calgarystampede.com



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On January 23 City Council approved \$45 million in tax relief by limiting the 2017 non-residential municipal property tax increase to five per cent. I voted in favour of providing this tax relief as it will result in a substantial tax cut for many small businesses in Ward 2. While I continue to advocate for long term sustainable tax reductions for all Calgarians, this temporary tax relief program will provide immediate benefit and signal that Calgary is Open for Business. For more information on property taxes, please visit www.calgary.ca/ourfinances.

With spring just around the corner, The City's annual Spring Clean-up is coming to neighbourhoods across Ward 2. This means that shortly, street sweeping will begin to remove sanding materials and debris that has accumulated on roads during the winter months. City crews will be sweeping on a compressed schedule, working 7 days per week. When you see street sweeping signs in your neighbourhood, please remove vehicles and carts from City roads. For more information on when sweeping will begin in your community please visit www.calgary.ca/sweep.

The civic census online will be open on April 1 for census submissions. In addition, this year Calgarians will also be able to complete their voter registration online. Calgarians will be mailed an access code in late March which can be used at www.calgary.ca/census to complete both their census and voter registration online. Door-to-door census collection will begin in late April if residents are unable to complete their census and voter registration online.

Joe's Tip:

Mark June 17th on your calendar for this year's "Neighbour Day". This is a great opportunity for neighbours to come together to celebrate our strong community spirit in Calgary. For more information visit www.calgary.ca/NeighbourDay.

Bowness Park Update

Spring is in the air! With the warming weather, residents can look forward to spending time at Bowness Park. Listed below are some plans that are currently **underway, under review or being considered** as of January 2017. Please note that there is a chance that some items may get changed, postponed or removed due to circumstances outside Ward 1's jurisdiction.

- **Creation of a residential parking zone** West of 85th Street is being **considered**
- **Notices** about the **parking situation** are being **prepared for delivery** to stakeholders in households close to the Park, and planned to be delivered in January 2017.
- A **stakeholders' meeting** is **planned** to be held by Roads for those households receiving said notices
- **Creating additional parking spots** on the North side of the river by Baker Park is currently being **considered**
- The **creation of a corresponding shuttle service** to tie in **Baker parking** with **Bowness Park** usage is being **planned**
- It is being **proposed** that **large party bookings** be obliged to use **Baker Park parking and shuttle services**
- **Electronic traffic counters** to **monitor** the number of vehicles entering **Bowness Park** are being **looked at**
- The use of **electronic signage** at the gate and on the main road(s) outside of the Park to better **advise users** of the availability of parking spots is being **explored**
- **Better** provisions for **"drop-off service"** for **seniors, handicapped persons**, etc. being **pursued**

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Last 12 Months ROYAL OAK MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2017	\$609,000	\$565,000
January 2017	\$494,500	\$483,500
December 2016	\$499,900	\$495,000
November 2016	\$589,900	\$584,950
October 2016	\$498,500	\$487,500
September 2016	\$565,000	\$548,000
August 2016	\$494,450	\$487,500
July 2016	\$567,400	\$550,000
June 2016	\$589,900	\$576,000
May 2016	\$592,350	\$580,500
April 2016	\$549,900	\$540,000
March 2016	\$567,400	\$551,500

Last 12 Months ROCKY RIDGE MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2017	\$564,900	\$547,500
January 2017	\$522,500	\$516,000
December 2016	\$515,950	\$503,500
November 2016	\$566,413	\$556,500
October 2016	\$529,900	\$530,050
September 2016	\$599,900	\$580,000
August 2016	\$619,900	\$600,000
July 2016	\$549,900	\$560,000
June 2016	\$895,000	\$740,000
May 2016	\$684,900	\$665,000
April 2016	\$659,950	\$655,000
March 2016	\$584,900	\$566,250

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